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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, JA

SUBJ: RIGHTISTS SURRENDER

REF: TOKYO 2979(NOTAL)

SUMMARY: RIGHTIST FRINGE GROUP WHICH INVADED KEIDANREN HEADQUARTERS ON MARCH 3 SURRENDERED PEACEFULLY ON MARCH 4, WITH CAPTIVES UNHARMED. DESPITE DELUGE OF PUBLICITY, INCIDENT WAS ISOLATED HAPPENING, NOT EVIDENCE OF RIGHT-WING REVIVAL. END SUMMARY.

1. FOUR ULTRA-RIGHTISTS WHO INVADED FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS' (KEIDANREN) TOKYO HEADQUARTERS ON MARCH 3 AND HELD FOUR OFFICIALS AT GUN- AND SWORD-POINT FOR TEN HOURS, SURRENDERED QUIETLY TO POLICE AT 3:05AM MARCH 4. THEY ARE NOW BEING HELD ON CHARGES OF TRESPASS, RESORT TO VIOLENCE, AND POSSESSION OF WEAPONS.

2. TWO OF FOUR ARE FORMER MEMBERS OF DEFUNCT "SHIELD SOCIETY,"

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SO-CALLED PRIVATE ARMY OF NOVELIST YUKIO MISHIMA, WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE DURING SIMILAR INVASION OF SELF DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS IN 1970. OTHER TWO ARE FROM SIMILAR EXTREME RIGHT FRINGE GROUPS. WHILE IN KEIDANREN BUILDING, THEY DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS WHICH CONDEMNED BIG BUSINESS FOR UNPRINCIPLED, PROFIT-FIRST DESPOLIATION OF JAPAN AND JAPANESE SOCIETY ON BEHALF OF "YOUTH LEAGUE FOR OVERTHROW OF YALTA-POTSDAM SYSTEM." THEY DID NOT ISSUE DEMANDS.

3. COMMENT: AVAILABILITY OF MORE INFORMATION

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FIRMS OUR EARLIER IMPRESSION THAT KEIDANREN INCIDENT WAS JUST ONE MORE BIZARRE INCIDENT OF SORT THAT HAVE RECURRED IN JAPAN AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS OVER PAST DECADES. IT DID NOT REPRESENT REVIVAL OF RIGHT-WING, MILITARIST ACTIVITY. WHILE THESE SMALL FRINGE GROUPS UNDOUBTEDLY WANT HEAVY PUBLICITY JAPANESE MEDIA LAVISH ON THEIR CROWD-HARANGUING, SWORD-WAVING EXPLOITS, GENERAL REACTION OF PUBLIC CONTINUES TO BE THAT EXTREMISTS ARE ANACHRONISTIC, CERTAINLY ODD, AND PROBABLY DISTURBED.

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